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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR'S COMMENTS ON BORDER
TALKS AND CHINESE INTERNAL SITUATION

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 10 LUNCHEON WITH SOVIET EMBASSY
COUNSELOR CHUKHROV, HE INDICATED TO USLO OFFICER THAT FORMAL
SINO-SOVIET BORDER NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE RETURN
OF SOVIET NEGOTIATOR ILIACHEV SINCE FORMAL TALKS CAN ONLY BE
CONDUCTED BY PRINCIPALS OF BOTH SIDES. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE,
HOWEVER, AND CHUKHROV SAID SOVIET DELEGATION HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN-
VITED BY CHINESE COUNTERPARTS TO RESORT AREA OF PEITAIHO
WHERE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD. CHUKHROV MAINTAINED THAT
THERE WERE A NUMBER OF RELATIVELY MINOR ISSUES WHICH COULD
BE RESOLVED EASILY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, BUT CHINESE REMAIN
TOTALLY RIGID. HE ASCRIBED THIS TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL
SITUATION WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO MAKE A DECISION,
PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECTS INVOLVING SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE SAID
HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN ILIACHEV WOULD RETURN TO PEKING AND DENIED
THERE WERE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TALKS WHICH CAUSED HIS
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RETURN TO MOSCOW. ONLY POSITIVE SIGN SOVIETS COULD DISCERN
WAS FACT THAT CHINESE CLEARLY WANT THE TALKS TO CONTINUE.

2. ASKED WHETHER SOVIETS FELT THERE WAS ANY GROUP WITHIN THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP MORE AMENABLE THAN OTHERS TO IMPROVED SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, CHUKHROV SAID HE THOUGHT SUCH INDIVIDUALS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE FOUND IN THE MILITARY SINCE THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH PRACTICAL REALITIES.

3. DISCUSSING A SOVIET EMBASSY DELEGATION'S VISIT TO WUHAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING FLOWERS ON SOVIET MILITARY GRAVES, CHUKHROV SAID THE GROUP FOUND THE CITY CLEANED UP AND MUCH QUIETER THAN TRAVELLERS WHO HAD SEEN WUHAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. THE FEW POSTERS SEEN DEALT WITH PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE DIRECTIVES, AND NONE ATTACKING INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED.
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